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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension, a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and authorization to charge the requisite fee being enclosed.

In response to the final Office Action dated December 10, 2001, please enter the following response.